GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6426
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Grameen Dak Sevaks
Kaswan Shri Rahul

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Grameen Dak Sevaks working in the country as of now, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to make them permanent government employees and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any proposal regarding transfer of Dakpals/Postal Assistants on vacant posts is under consideration and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the transfer policy of Grameen Dak Sevaks/Dakpals?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) The number of Gramin Dak Sevaks State/UT wise is given in the annexure.

(b) No, Madam. There is no proposal to make Gramin Dak Sevaks permanent Government employees. Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the matter of Superintendent of Post Offices vs. PK Rajamma (1977) (3) SCC held that the Extra Departmental Agents [now called Gramin Dak Sevaks] are holders of the civil post outside the regular civil services. They are part time employees being engaged for maximum of 5 hrs a day and belong to a separate and distinct category.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) Gramin Dak Sevaks are provided with the facility of limited transfer, in cases of posting at a distant place on redeployment in the event of abolition of the post, on being appointed on compassionate grounds and posted at a distant place and on marriage/remarriage of woman GDS. It is also available where the GDS himself/herself suffers from extreme hardship due to a disease and for medical attention/treatment of self on production of valid medical certificate from the medical officer of a Government Hospital. This facility is further available for looking after the welfare of a physically handicapped/mentally handicapped person/dependant requiring to move to different places to give support to such dependant. The facility is available subject to the condition that GDS is eligible for only one transfer during the entire career and having a minimum service of 3 years. An exception to these provisions has been made for women Gramin Dak Sevaks, who availed the transfer facility on the ground of extreme hardship due to a disease and for medical attention/treatment before their marriage and now they can avail the facility for a second time in the event of their marriage/re-marriage.

Annexure
STATE WISE LIST OF NUMBER OF GRAMIN DAK SEVAKS WORKING IN THE COUNTRY
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Sl. No. Name of the State Number of Gramin Dak Sevaks working in the country

1 Andhra Pradesh 16875
2 Arunachal Pradesh 521
3 Assam 8667
4 Bihar 15770
5 Chhattisgarh 4915
6 Delhi 214
7 Goa 345
8 Gujarat 12821
9 Haryana 3985
10 Himachal Pradesh 6118
11 Jammu & Kashmir 2580
12 Jharkhand 6074
13 Karnataka 15389
14 Kerala 10727

15 Madhya Pradesh 12245
16 Maharashtra 19844
17 Manipur 1804
18 Meghalaya 927
19 Mizoram 909
20 Nagaland 838
21 Odisha 14084
22 Punjab 5719
23 Rajasthan 13708
24 Sikkim 501
25 Tamil Nadu 21598
26 Telangana 8813
27 Tripura 1305
28 Uttar Pradesh 28466
29 Uttarakhand 5999
30 West Bengal 16117
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UNION TERRITORY WISE LIST OF NUMBER OF GRAMIN DAK SEVAKS WORKING IN THE COUNTRY
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SL. No. Name of the Union Territory Number of Gramin Dak Sevaks working in the country
1 Andaman and Nicobar 185
2 Chandigarh 425
3 Daman and Diu 14
4 Dadar and Nagar Haveli 2
5 Lakshdweep 6
6 Puducherry 156
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